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(54) Title: **PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING ORLISTAT AND FATTY ACIDS AND/OR SALTS THEREOF**

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to pharmaceutical composition. More particularly, the invention relates to a solid pharmaceutical composition comprising a) a solid pharmaceutically active compound which is solid at $\geq 37^\circ\text{C}$ and b) a fatty acid or a fatty acid salt or a mixture of a fatty acid and a fatty acid salt, characterized in that the constituents from a) and b) show a depression of their melting points to $< 37^\circ\text{C}$ upon contact with an aqueous solution.

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Although claim 37 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Claims Nos.: 1,2,34,35,38,39

Present claims 1,2,34,35,38 and 39 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds/products/methods. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds/products/methods claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the products comprising orlistat and related uses and methods (claims 2-33, and 36-37).

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